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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable William H. Pauley, III United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007-1312

Re:

In re Kleinert's, Inc. 07-CIV-4830 (WHP)

Dear Judge Pauley:

We represent Saks Incorporated, Saks Fifth Avenue, Inc., Carson Pirie Scott, Parisian, Inc., Younkers, Profitt's, and McRaes, Inc. (collectively, the "Defendants") in connection with the above-referenced motion for withdrawal of the reference of the adversary proceeding captioned <u>Kittay v. Saks Incorporated</u>, et al., Adv. Pro. No. 05-3067 (BRL) (the "Adversary Proceeding"), which is pending before the Honorable Burton R. Lifland, United States Bankruptcy Judge.

On July 16, 2007, at the parties' request, Judge Lifland entered an order assigning the Adversary Proceeding to mediation. In order to permit the parties to focus their attention on the mediation process, both the Defendants, and David Kittay, the Trustee-Plaintiff, request a 45-day adjournment of the initial pretrial conference in this matter, which is presently scheduled for July 27, 2007 at 10 a.m.

This is the parties' first request for an adjournment. Counsel for all of the parties would be available to participate in a rescheduled pretrial conference, subject to the Court's calendar, at any time on September 21 or 28.

Respectfully yours,

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cc: Judith Siegel, Esq. (via facsimile)

application quanted. The impal pre-tiral conference is adjourned until Scitember 28,2007 at 11:30 a.m. SO ORDERED:

WILLIAM H. PAULEY III U.S.D.

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